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(c) and (d). The Commission provides financial assistance to colleges located in hilly and backward areas by relaxing the conditions of minimum enrolment of students and number of teachers.

[Translation]

State Social Welfare Advisory Boards

1101. SHRI DEVI BUX SINGH:
SHRI RATILAL VERMA:
DR. RAMESH CHAND
TOMAR:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to reconstitute the State Social Welfare Advisory Boards;

(b) if so, the time by which these are likely to be reconstituted; and

(c) the new schemes, if any, implemented/taken up by the Boards during the last one year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS AND THE DEPARTMENT OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT) (KUMARI MAMATA BANERJEE): (a) and (b). The reconstitution of the State Social Welfare Advisory Boards is done by State Governments in consultation with the Central Social Welfare Board as and when the reconstitution becomes due.

(c) The new schemes taken up by the State Boards during 1990-91 are the Awareness Building Programme about the condition of the Girl Child, Awareness Education Programme for poor women, and "Yuvati Shivirs", a scheme for educational camps for adolescent girls.

[English]

Food Security System

1102. SHRI BHAGEY GOBARDHAN: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have any plan to strengthen food security system of the country;

(b) if so, whether agro-productive zones for the main cereals have been identified for widening the base for the country's food security;

(c) whether many major States have not been able to contribute foodgrains to the central pool substantially and if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) if so, how far the existing food security system mainly dependent on a small region, sustainable?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) to (d). The buffer stocking policy of foodgrains assumes willing and ready participation of the State Governments. The implementation of the policy, of which procurement is an important element, has to be done in coordination between the Centre and the States and their agencies. Various schemes are being implemented for stepping up and broadbasing the production of foodgrains in the country.

Reservation in Post Graduate Courses in Medical Sciences

1103. SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Delhi University is providing reservation in Post Graduate Courses in Medical Sciences which is followed in All India Institute of Medical Sciences, Post Graduate Institute of Medical Education and Research, Chandigarh, Jawahar Lal Nehru

Institute of Post Graduate Medical Education and Research, National Institute of Mental Health and Neuro Sciences and the other States/Union Territories; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D.K. THARADEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) and (b). The Delhi University has intimated that the Faculty of Medical Sciences have uniformly decided that it was against the idea of any reservation in post-graduation. However, the candidates belonging to SC/ST categories are given a weightage of 20 marks in the screening test for ranking them in the merit list for purposes of their selection to the course concerned. However, the matter has again been taken up with the concerned authorities to see that Delhi University, strictly follow the UGC guidelines concerning filling up of SC/ST seats in accordance with the prescribed percentage in the post-graduate medical education.

'Save Goa' Campaign

1104. SHRI MUKUL BALKRISHNA WASNIK: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to news-item captioned, "campaign launched in UK to 'save Goa' appearing in the Times of India dated February 6 1992;

(b) if so, the fact thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(c) the number of industrial and mining projects cleared by the Government in Goa during the last one year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). The information is being

collected and will be placed on the Table of the House.

Central Laboratory Facility at AIIMS

1105. SHRI MUKUL BALKRISHNA WASNIK: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the demand for a Central Laboratory Facility at the All India Institute of Medical Sciences has been pending with the Union Government;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the time by which a decision is likely to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D.K. THARADEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) No. Sir. AIIMS hospital has a Department of Laboratory Medicine consisting of Clinical Chemistry, Haematology; Fluid & Excretion Lab; Emergency Laboratory; O.P.D. Specimen Collection Centre. The demand of the Society of Young Scientists working on different schemes and projects of AIIMS have been referred to AIIMS authorities.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

[Translation]

Survey of Balrajgarh in Bihar

1106. SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Archaeological survey of India has surveyed Balrajgarh, an old historical place in Madhubani district of Bihar.

(b) whether there is any proposal to under take excavation work in that area and also to develop it as a tourist spot; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?